

REMARKS

The objection to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 11, 2006, set forth on page 2 of the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, is noted. A corrected Form PTO/SB/08A was submitted on May 21, 2007, in the above-identified application; accordingly, full consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 11, 2006, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

The requirement for a new oath or declaration identifying the citizenship of the inventors, and identifying the above-identified application by application number and filing date, set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, is noted. Submitted herewith is a further Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, identifying the PCT International application number which is the basic application of the above-identified application, thus clearly identifying the above-identified application, and setting forth the citizenship of each of the named inventors. With the filing of this Declaration, it is respectfully submitted that the requirement for a corrected Declaration has been satisfied.

Applicants have amended the Abstract of the above-identified application, in the Substitute Abstract in the Appendix hereto, to delete legal terms ("comprising"), and to shorten the abstract so as to be less than 150 words. In view of this Substitute Abstract, it is respectfully submitted that the abstract is proper.

Applicants have amended their claims in order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, further clarifying the definition of various aspects of the present invention. Specifically, Applicants have incorporated

the subject matter of each of claims 16 and 17 into claim 1. In light thereof, Applicants have cancelled claims 16 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indicated allowance of claims 2 and 19-34; and also note the indication by the Examiner on page 4 of the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, that claims 16 and 17 have not been rejected under either 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103. In light of incorporation of subject matter of claims 16 and 17 into claim 1, and the indication by the Examiner in the Office Action Summary of the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, that claims 16 and 17 are allowed, it is respectfully submitted that currently amended claim 1 and claims dependent thereon (claims 3-15 and 18) should now be allowed.

The rejection of claims under 35 USC 102 as set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, is noted. In view of incorporation of subject matter of claims 16 and 17 into claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejection is moot, and no further discussion thereof is necessary.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of all claims presently pending in the above-identified application, and passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 396.44480X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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